

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
OXFORD DIVISION**

**JAMES B. COX**

**PLAINTIFF**

**VS.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:18-cv-30-DMB-JMV**

**JAMES MORRIS, ET AL.**

**DEFENDANTS**

**ORDER GOVERNING PRETRIAL CONFERENCE AND  
PREPARATION OF FINAL PRETRIAL ORDER**

The purpose of the final pretrial conference is to secure a just and speedy determination of the issues and prepare the formal pretrial order. Counsel for all parties shall confer in person (face to face) at their earliest convenience for the purpose of arriving at all possible stipulations and for the exchange of copies of documents that will be offered in evidence at the trial. It shall be the duty of counsel for plaintiff to initiate this conference, and the duty of other counsel to respond. If, after reasonable effort, any party cannot obtain the cooperation of other counsel, it shall be his duty to communicate immediately with the Court, sufficiently in advance of the Final Pretrial Conference to allow resolution of the issue before counsel appears at the Final Pretrial Conference.

At the conference between counsel, counsel for all parties shall agree upon the real issues each party will offer evidence to support, eliminating any issues that might appear in the pleadings about which there is no real controversy. The parties shall agree upon issues of law as well as ultimate issues of fact to be resolved at trial. The parties shall avoid duplication of issues and stipulations. Any disputes will be resolved at the final pretrial conference.

Counsel is forewarned that no party will be allowed to list in the final pretrial order any

